(d) whether these instructions/guidelines, have recently been modified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Since September, 2003, Naval authorities have been allowing landing/ departure of civil aircrafts, including chartered flights, at Dabolim Airport in Goa round the clock, except from 0830 to 1300 hrs. from Monday to Friday and 1900 to 2130 hrs. on Tuesday and Thursday during which extensive military flying is undertaken.

(b) Some chartered flight operators have requested for permission to use the Dabolim Airport during the restricted periods.

(c) to (e) The Government has advised the chartered flight operators to use the time between 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs./next day, which is grossly under-utilised (except between 1900 to 2130 hrs. on Tuesday and Thursday).

Accidents of Jaguar Aircrafts

†3034. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Jaguar aeroplanes have met with accidents due to an error of low-thrust in the engine of Jaguar aeroplanes;

(b) whether technical co-operation of Britain's Rolls Royce Company was obtained in order to rectify this shortfall;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Jaguar aeroplanes are meeting with accidents despite being okayed by Roll Royce Company; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Low thrust in the engine of the Jaguar aircraft was not found to be the cause for any of the Jaguar aircraft accidents in the Indian Air Force (IAF). Technical modifications and improvements in the aero-engine of the IAF aircraft is a continuous process.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

All maintenance instructions issued by M/s Rolls Royce are being followed meticulously in the IAF. Accidents on the IAF aircrafts, including the Jaguar, can occur because of various reasons like Human Error, Technical Defects, Bird Hits, Foreign Object Damage and Normal Operations Risks.

Induction of Arjun Main Battel Tanks

3035. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the results of the field trials conducted in June last in Rajasthan on five indigenous Arjun Main Battle Tanks; and

(b) if the trials have been successful, by when the tank is likely to be inducted in the army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The first batch of five production version of Arjun tanks, was scheduled to go through comparative trials in June, 2005 by Army. During the preparatory stage, certain units did not pass acceptance criteria. These are being rectified for the trials.

Forgery by company supplying surveillance equipment

3036. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the company that supplied bulk of surveillance and counter surveillance equipment to Government agencies including Military Intelligence and Intelligence Bureau has been investigated for alleged forgery and intelligence sale to private parties;

(b) if so, what are the main points of inquiry conducted;

(c) whether CBI has submitted its report to the Government; and

(d) what action Government propose to take for considering CBI suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) As and when matters relating to firms indulging in fraudulent activities